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## News Briefs

### Active Parenting Today

Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School's Title I Program is offering a video-based program called Active Parenting Today for parents.

A viewing of the information will be held Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 18 & 25 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25, at the Pahokee High School Cafeteria.

Child care will be provided and registration is limited to 20 participants. Parents interested in the program are asked to call Gloria Williams, parent liaison at 924-6441.

### American Red Cross Country Music Festival

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Hendry County Service Centers and Western Palm Beach County Service Center will be hosting a country music festival in Clewiston.

The event will be on March 28 at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Clewiston Fairgrounds. Participation in the event will be two Nashville recording artists, Bart Roy and John Hornsby, along with their bands, Phil Eddings and the Redwings, out of Okeechobee, and Jake Murphy from Arcadia.

This will be an outdoor, family event and food and drinks will be available from local area non-profit vendors. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, towels, or any type of comfortable seating.

Money raised from this event will stay in the Hendry and western Palm Beach County areas to benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief fund. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. For information or to purchase tickets, stop by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or call Red Cross Director Scottie Smith at 992-9703.

### Volunteers needed for the kids

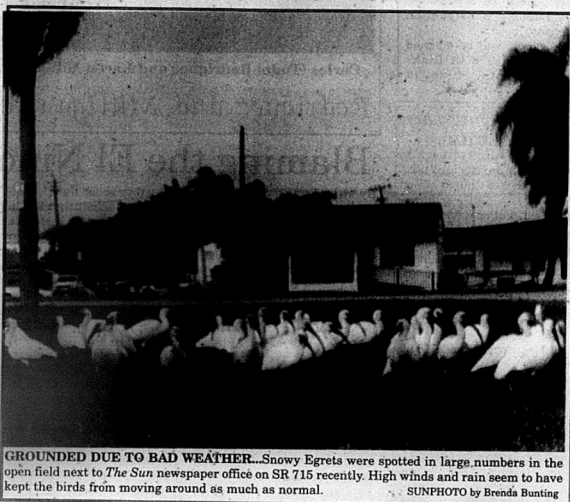
Coaches and volunteers are needed to continue Pahokee Little League. All previous coaches, player's parents and other volunteers are urged to attend a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26 at Pahokee City Hall at 7 p.m.

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### Lake Level

17.74 feet above sea level  
February 17, 1998



**GROUNDING DUE TO BAD WEATHER...**Snowy Egrets were spotted in large numbers in the open field next to *The Sun* newspaper office on SR 715 recently. High winds and rain seem to have kept the birds from moving around as much as normal. **SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting**

## Ben Boynton running for Ken Foster's seat on Palm Beach County Commission

Benjamin G. Boynton of Wellington has announced his candidacy for the Palm Beach County Commission District 6 seat currently held by Ken Foster.

Boynton is president of Ben Boynton Financial Services and Registered Representative with Registered Principal with Investment Management and Research, Inc. in Wellington.

A third generation Western communities resident, Boynton, a Republican, is involved in several organizations, including: Public Advocacy Chair and Heart Ball Co-Chairperson of the American Heart Association; Chairman of the Board and past president of Friends of the Western Communities Center for the Arts; Vice President of the South Florida Opera Company; President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Wellington; and Board Director and Consultant for Junior Achievement.

"As we approach the millennium, we must be committed to maintaining and protecting the Western communities quality of life. The Western communities are one of the fastest growing areas in Palm Beach County and we must take special care in preserving our wonderful way of life and the diverse lifestyles in our community," said Boynton.



**KUDOS TO GILBERT'S JEWELERS AND GIFTS...**The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce presented the February "Chamber Member of the Month" award to Gilbert's Jewelers. Chamber Membership Co-Chairman Hattie Bennett (center) presents the award to Gilberto Alvarez (left) and Robert Alvarez (right). The Alvarez brothers were commended for their generous contributions to the chamber and to the community during the monthly chamber breakfast Feb. 11.

## Residents ask: Why are gas prices so high in the Glades?

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Residents in Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay and Canal Point have been asking the question over and over the last few years, but never more than lately - Why are gas prices at the pumps in the Glades so much higher than in eastern Palm Beach County? Or Clewiston, for that matter? Gas prices on the coast are anywhere from 10 to 15 cents a gallon lower and are also a few cents lower in Clewiston.

Local retail distributors and gas station owners give several reasons for the price variance, but the most frequently cited reason is volume.

A representative with Howell Oil in Belle Glade says gas stations on the coast sell in large volume, due to higher demand from a larger population. The Chevron dealer says it's not unusual for a gas station in West Palm Beach to sell 250,000 gallons of gas a month. Here, a station owner is lucky if he sells 25,000 gallons a month.

Carl Berner with Berner Oil in Clewiston, who also owns the BP station by Palm Beach Community College in Belle Glade, agrees volume is a large part of variance. He compares local stations to the Hess station on SR 80, going into West Palm Beach.

"It would take 10 months to do the volume the Hess station does in one month," he said.

Mr. Berner says station owners have a high financial investment in gas stations and numerous environmental regulations which add significantly to the cost of doing business. If a station has low volume, but still has to pay the bank note every month and pay for employees salaries and utilities, they must charge a higher price for gas to stay in business.

Palm Beach County residents already pay more gas taxes than many other counties, (8 cents a gallon in local taxes) and it went up an additional penny in January.

"A lot of the Mom and Pop stations are hurting," says Mr. Berner. And, they are the same ones who give back to the community in numerous ways, such as little league, participating in local organizations and supporting the local economy, he noted.

Local distributors Kirchman Oil and Texaco were also contacted for this story, but they did not return our calls.

## Heart Association names walk chair



Elizabeth Hernandez

Elizabeth Hernandez has been named chairman of the 1998 Belle Glade American Heart Walk. The walk will be held in late September beginning at the Belle Glade Marina.

Ms. Hernandez is employed by Palm Beach County Health Care District in their

Belle Glade office. She is a student at Northwood University, majoring in business administration. She has two children and is an active volunteer on several boards, including the Planned Approach To Community Health (PATCH) board, volunteers with the Guardian Ad Litem program and is an alumni of Leadership Glades. She is also involved with both the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chamber of Commerce boards.

The American Heart Walk is in its eighth year and the funds raised go to fund the may research projects and community and professional education programs of the Heart Association.

Volunteers for the Heart Walk are needed. For more information, call the American Heart Association at 561-655-8155.

## SFWMD agrees to accept \$46 million from Interior Dept. to resume land acquisition

The governing board of the South Florida Water Management District has approved accepting \$46 million from the federal government so the agency can continue acquiring land for a 4,900-acre filter marsh that will cleanse water flowing into the northern Everglades.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and District Board Chairman Frank "Sonny" Williamson Jr. signed the two-part pact, an applica-

tion for federal assistance and a grant agreement, for Stormwater Treatment Area 1-East, following the board vote.

"The secret to our success in South Florida is the nature of our partnerships on Everglades restoration," Babbitt said, "which have great public support, and are, in turn, reflected in the congressional delegation by its bipartisan support as well."

Williamson thanked the secretary for his perseverance in

spearheading the agreements through Washington. Various federal agencies - the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Interior Department, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - and the District also brought this particular agreement to fruition. The state's 1994 Everglades Forever Act set a July 1, 1998, deadline for the District to acquire land for STA-1E. The act mandated the STA-1E, "large-scale wetland treatment systems, to remove

nutrients from farm runoff before it flows into the Everglades. The 1996 federal Water Resources Development Act gave responsibility for funding STA-1E to the Interior Department and its construction to the Corps.

The District began acquiring land for STA-1E - 2,562 acres for \$20,055,819 - until the governing board halted further acquisitions because the agency needed the federal money in hand to continue the project.

The agreement, which was made Feb. 12, will reimburse the District for its previous acquisitions and will provide \$25,944,181 to acquire the remaining 2,376 acres. The District's target is still July 1, 1998, to complete the acquisitions.

STA-1E is at the north end of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, at State Road 80, just east of the S-5A pump station in central Palm Beach County.

# Crawford and Sinibaldi to wed in August



Jeremy Crawford and Deana Sinibaldi

Doreen Miller, of Wellington, Sonny and Lorie Crawford, of Clewiston, and Benton and Brenda Tyson of Wellington would like to announce the engagement of their children Deana Sinibaldi and Jeremy Crawford.

Deana attended Florida Southern College and is employed by Morse Geriatric Center as a client advocate.

Jeremy attended Glades Day School and Santa Fe Community College. He is employed by Edens Construction Company.

The couple will be married August 22, 1998 at Binks Forest Country Club in Wellington.

## Missionary from Vietnam visits Nazarene Church



Rev. Terry Waters

Pahokee.

Terry served in Vietnam during the war as an American soldier. That time he took a rifle, when he returned, he came with a Bible.

His wife, Lan was born in Vietnam into a Buddhist family. Prior to the communist takeover, she escaped from Vietnam and came to America. In America she found Christ. They both returned to Vietnam with a special burden for the people.

This service will prove to be a most interesting one. The public is welcomed.

For further information call Pastor Dever at 924-7998.

## First Baptist Church hosts Winter Bible Study



Gene Waggoner

First Baptist Church in Belle Glade will have its Winter Bible Study beginning Sunday, February 22 at 10:45 a.m. The study will continue through Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Brother Gene Waggoner, retired pastor from Radcliff, Kentucky, will be teaching the series called "A Study of Selected Parables Unique to the Gospel of Luke." The public is invited to attend.

## Cultural Awareness Festivities

"Celebrating cultures by sharing our dreams together."

The Pahokee Church of God, located at 245 3rd St., Pahokee, will be having a festival Feb. 21st beginning at 8 a.m. The festivities will include pony rides, dunking booth, cake walk, food and many more activities.

Earnings will go towards the church's building fund.

The public is welcomed. For more information, call Glenda Freeman or Jewery Morris at 924-5549.

## Revival

Evangelist Marvin McDaniel, of Los Angeles, CA, will be speaking at Pahokee Church of God this Sunday through Friday, Feb. 15 - 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Come and be blessed!!

## New "add"ition to the Quintero family



Jordan Taylor Allen Quintero

Gerardo "Tom" and Alicia Quintero of Belle Glade are

## Rodriguez and Milligan to wed in June

## Blaming the El Nino

By Mike Lyons

I don't mind telling you that I am more than a bit proud of my most recent accomplishment. I have achieved a truly amazing feat, I never thought was possible just two months ago. And, I might add, something no one else in the world of weather has been able to attain.

I didn't win an award or put together some amazing streak of weather predictions. Nothing so mundane as that. I'm talking about something truly amazing. Something unheard of, something no one thought could be done.

I am very proud to announce that it has now been two full months since I

last wrote about the El Nino!

I have to admit that I didn't think I would last more than one week... two at the very most. After all, this El Nino, the name for the vast swath of warm water that settles off the coast of Peru every three to five years, is one of the largest in history.

The warm Pacific water disrupts weather patterns, steering storms to areas that are usually dry, while producing drought in places that are normally wet. This year's El Nino has meant a mild, relatively dry winter in the Northeast, while heavy rains have been common in California and here in

Karen Ann Milligan and Carlos (Tudo) Rodriguez will be married June 20th, 1998 at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, at 5:30 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Leven and Barbara Milligan of Belle Glade. Karen is a graduate of Glades Day School and Florida Atlantic University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary.

The groom is the son of Francisco Rodriguez and the late Silvia Marcia Rodriguez of Wellington. Carlos is a graduate of Glades Day School and is co-owner of Roma Services and Crop Dusters, Inc. in Belle Glade.

Carlos (Tudo) Rodriguez and Karen Milligan



Mike Lyons

Florida.

The El Nino has also become an all-to-easy excuse to explain any quirk in the weather. Not enough snow on New York? Must be the El Nino. Big thunderstorms in Texas? Yep, it's that El Nino again. Late for work? Sorry, I was held up by the El Nino.

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## Deadline approaching for Magnet Program

The deadline for applications to participate in Gove Elementary School's International Studies in the Magnet Program is Friday, February 27.

For more information, call Gove Elementary School at 993-4045.

## Man in fair condition after accident on lake road

Dean Alexander, 34, of Belle Glade is in fair condition at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach after an accident Sunday, Feb. 15.

Alexander was headed east on SR 717 (Lake Road) when he lost control of his 1993 Oldsmobile on a curve. Belle Glade Police say Alexander ran off the road on the north side and pulled back across the road and crossed the golf course entrance and struck a palm tree on the passenger side. Police say when they arrived, Alexander was out of the car, but didn't know how he got out and may have been ejected in the accident. He was taken to St. Mary's by Trauma Hawk.

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## CANAL POINT

# HEALTH WATCH

## A healthier life ...

This week *The Sun* adds a new feature; a weekly column on nutrition, diet and exercise.

By Katrina Elksen

As the author of "A healthier life," I don't claim to be an expert on health, nutrition or exercise. I don't have a medical degree or any specialized training in nutrition.

I do, however, have many, many years experience of trying just about every diet that has been documented. I tried the Weight Watchers diet, the Scarsdale diet, the cabbage diet, the high protein diet, the low protein diet and the grapefruit diet. I joined the Dr. Atkins Diet Revolution. I nearly went bananas on the bananas diet. I even tried over-the-counter weight loss products, which I put into two categories — the kind that you take and then they swell up in your stomach so you feel full and the kind that have so much caffeine that you wind up too nervous to know if you have eaten or not.

After many, many years of research, I discovered that all of these diet plans work — as long as you stay on them. The problem is that most people have trouble staying on them very long. And some of the diets which are not nutritionally bal-

anced can be dangerous if you



Katrina Elksen

stay on them too long.

What does work, or at least worked for me, is a change in lifestyle. Eating right and exercising regularly leads to better health. Who would have guessed?

Statistics show that one-third of Americans are overweight to the point that it could be detrimental to their health. Their poor eating habits contribute to a wide number of health problems, including high blood pressure and heart problems.

Many American children are becoming couch potatoes who have trouble doing a few sit-ups or running a mile.

On the other side of the spectrum, some young women are so obsessed with being as thin

as models that they are literally starving themselves to death.

There are no easy answers, no quick fixes, no pills we can take to become healthy and thin.

But with a little work, a little common sense, and a lot of information, we can be healthier.

After much encouragement from those involved in local health agencies, I decided to start this column to share my personal interest in nutrition topics and my love of reading. As a journalist, I can take what I learn from my own research and pass it along to you, the readers.

And, through my work at the newspaper, I have many contacts with health agencies and organizations that are more than willing to provide information.

In future columns I hope to include reviews on books about diet, nutrition and exercise; recipes for nutritionally-balanced meals; reviews of exercise tapes and programs; and general information on recent medical research.

Katrina Elksen is a Special Assignment Editor for the Okeechobee News.

## Computer Vision Syndrome: Costly to Businesses and Employees



It's important to have a fully adjustable workstation so you can work comfortably at your computer. Optometrists also recommend taking a break every 10 minutes from intense computer work to give your eyes a rest.

(MS) — Eye-related health care and glasses for problems related to computer use cost Americans nearly \$2 billion each year, according to a California-based computer and vision expert.

Citing figures from the American Optometric Association (AOA), James E. Sheedy, O.D., Ph.D., Walnut Creek, Calif., notes that eye-related complaints is the "No. 1" problem cited by computer users.

"Since working at a computer

is such a visually intense task, people use their bodies to align their eyes so they can best see and interact with the computer. They accommodate their eyes at the expense of good posture, which results in musculoskeletal difficulties like neckaches, shoulder pain and backaches," Dr. Sheedy says.

However, computer users can take preventive steps to minimize the effects on the eyes and body. Dr. Sheedy recommends:

- Placing the computer straight in front of you if you're

looking at it most of the time.

- Keeping the computer screen 4 inches to 9 inches below eye level.

- Using drapes, shades or blinds to control window lighting and glare.

- Creating an adjustable workstation, including an adjustable table and chair, an adjustable copyholder that fastens either to the desk or the computer, a screen that can be turned or tilted, and adjustable brightness and contrast controls.

- Trying a glare-reduction filter. Filters with the AOA Seal of Acceptance are available at office supply stores and can enhance screen contrast and increase character legibility.

"If the eyes are suffering when working at a computer, the body also will. Your optometrist will target the problem and prescribe solutions to solve it. In most cases, it may only mean a pair of special glasses, which is a lot less expensive and painful than neck and shoulder treatments," Dr. Sheedy says.

## Donate your used care to the National Kidney Foundation



If your used vehicle is weighing you down, the National Kidney Foundation of Florida can help. You shed a few unwanted pounds. The Foundation's Kidney Cars Program offers a solution that may mean tax relief when you shed your unwanted vehicle.

Donate your car, boat, truck, motorcycle or motor home to the Kidney Cars Program and you will not only get rid of that extra bulk in your yard, but you may be eligible for a tax deduction. The process is simple. Call 800-488 CARS (2277) from anywhere in the state and an information packet will be sent to you along with a self-addressed envelope in which to

mail back the signed titles and odometer statements. Upon receipt of the information, the National Kidney Foundation will call to arrange for a free pick-up. Vehicles are either auctioned to wholesale dealers or salvaged for parts. Donors receive an acknowledgment letter stating the year, make, and vehicle identification number of the donated vehicle for tax purposes.

Donating your vehicle to the National Kidney Foundation can help save lives. The funds raised through the Kidney Cars Program are used to support programs in research, education and patient services. The mission of the National

Kidney Foundation is to prevent kidney and urinary diseases, improve the health and well being of individuals affected by these "diseases" and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

For more information or to donate your vehicle, please call 1-800-488-CARS (2277). For tax deduction information, consult your tax advisor.

## Parents: Don't Encourage Early Walking

(MS) — Encouraging a baby to walk early could interfere with his or her vision development. According to the American Optometric Association, crawling helps develop eye-hand-foot-body coordination. Early

walkers may not learn to use their two eyes together, as well as babies who crawl a lot, which later could affect learning and athletic ability.

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# OPINION PAGE

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### Custodians aren't to blame

"Hi. I'm calling about the school board employee's response to the condition of Glades Central. I'm not real sure about Glades Central, but my husband is a custodian.

I don't feel it's right for the school board to say that the custodians and administration need to do their job. It's not so much the custodians as it is the administration.

The custodians do their job. My husband comes home and tells me how he does this, he does that, and he goes back and the kids have just totally messed it up. They carve things into the desks. They do graffiti on the walls. They don't use the urinals in the bathroom. They'll urinate right on the floor.

When a custodian works night shift, it's kind of hard for them to control the children during the day. That's something the teachers and administration have to do. And also something the school board employees need to take control of themselves instead of blaming it on the lesser employees.

Thank you."

### Why close Pahokee dike at 10 p.m.?

"I'd like to hear what the Pahokee city officials have to say about closing the dike at 10 p.m. at night so city people can't go up there and drink a beer and have a good time, whatever.

What they need to do is concentrate on downtown Pahokee. It is such a pigsty down there. The people who live down there just don't care. They throw their garbage all over the place. They sell their drugs on the corner.

I would think the city officials would be a lot more concerned about that than somebody going up and sitting on the dike and having a beer.

Thanks."

**Pahokee City manager Ken Schenck responds:** The reason the top of the dike has been closed is because most of the people up there were being a nuisance. They were yelling at campers, shooting out lights and, as the caller stated, drinking beer, which is against the open container law. They were also making a general mess the city had to clean up each day. I agree, there are worse areas in town and

we're trying to address this, but we need the citizen's cooperation in those areas to effect any change. Thank you for your concern."

### Support for vice mayor's plan

"In reference to the front page story in *The Sun* last week, I agree with Vice Mayor Bill Mathis. I think if you work for the city you should live in the city. We're not trying to force anyone to live here. We're just trying to say if you want to work for the City of Belle Glade, live in the City of Belle Glade. If not, move wherever you want to, and then work wherever you want to. It's as simple as that."

### Lighten up!

"In response to the Judge Miller *Speak Out*, people who *Speak Out* should read the article (in the Palm Beach Post) real close. Judges have discretion over cases. Therefore, Chief Miller and Mandy Perez were having a little fun at the judges' discretion. Good for them. People need to lighten up a little. Everyone is entitled to smile. Hopefully, the judge will let some of us have a little fun in his courtroom at some time before he retires.

Unconcerned citizen of Belle Glade."

### Don't stop running *Speak Out*

"I read where the newspaper is getting criticized for the *Speak Out* section of the paper. As a citizen who has never called this line before I want to tell you that I really enjoy *Speak Out* and hope you don't let "Big Brother" influence you to stop running it.

I can see where *Speak Out* has brought out many issues which might never have come to light. Yes, it does sometimes get negative, but I think we have some serious issues in the Glades that need to be faced.

So, keep up the good work and don't stop just because some people don't like it. I like it and so do a lot of other people. Thank you."

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## House Speaker explains 1998 priorities

By Daniel Webster

Florida House of Representatives

Last year, many changes were made to the House of Representatives. We sought to push down the "pyramid of power" that allowed only a few individuals to control the legislative process and spread this authority among all members of the house. We established a system that prioritized legislation; so that the most important issues were taken up first. We undertook

an initiative to become more accountable to the public by ending committee meetings by 6 p.m. We also extended the amount of public notice that is required prior to conducting legislative business. With the cooperation and innovative ideas of the staff of the House of Representatives, we were able to save more than \$5 million of the \$50 million house budget.

Having spent last year "cleaning up our own tent," we are now ready to turn our attention to the state's priorities. See House priorities, Page 5

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## Letters to the Editor

### Valentine Dance was a success

Dear Editor:

The committee members of the Brian Harrelle - Jeff Brooker Memorial Scholarship would like to send out a very special thank you to everyone

who helped make the Valentine's Dance a success.

We would also like to thank the community for all their support over the past months.

Sincerely,

The Brian Harrelle -  
Jeff Brooker Memorial  
Scholarship Committee

## Memory bias leads to happiest marriages

UF Researcher

Writer: Cathy Keen

Doses of self-delusion can be very useful in sustaining marital bliss, says a University of Florida researcher of newlyweds.

While most marital research has focused on how spouses communicate, UF psychology professor Benjamin Karney is studying the frequently overlooked role of memory. Specifically, his research shows that satisfied couples often remember the past as worse than it was, it does sometimes get negative, but I think we have some serious issues in the Glades that need to be faced.

"The advice to husbands and wives to communicate better puts a lot of pressure and blame on couples," said Karney, who has interviewed several hundred couples about their marriages. "It says, 'If only you communicated better, you'd be happy.' I don't think that's true, nor does the research show it to be true."

In one of a series of studies in the Los Angeles area spanning 27 years of research data, Karney found that people most likely to express happiness in their marriage over time were those who use their memory selectively to feel good about their past. Even though these people said their marriages were growing stronger, interviews of them talking about the relationship show it was actually getting worse, he said.

"When it comes to marital happiness, it's good to be able to tell yourself a story you like to believe," Karney said. "And so, it's OK not to be accurate about the past if it makes you feel better about the present."

Personal communication, a centerpiece of marital therapy and self-help books, is only part of the story in predicting whether marriages succeed or fail, Karney said. Although the way couples treat each other is important, focusing exclusively on communication fails to take into account people's personalities, family backgrounds or what kind of challenges they face in their daily lives, he said.

"It's easy to be married if you're healthy, wealthy and well-employed," he said. "It's difficult if you're sick, unemployed or have in-laws living with you because they have nowhere else to go."

Karney said altering memories about marital bliss is much like the yearning many people have for what they think are the good old days. "It's a similar process in reverse when people are nostalgic for the past. Dissatisfied with the present, they exaggerate how good or innocent the past was in order to justify their current feelings."

In one study involving videotaped interviews of newlyweds every six months for four years, Karney found no difference in initial happiness between those who eventually divorced and those who stayed together. "Contrary to what some people might think, people who divorce in the early years of marriage are not the ones who start out less happy," he said.

The way satisfaction changes over time - not the absolute level of satisfaction in the marriage - predicts divorce, Kar-

ney said. Couples who break up are those who become aware - for whatever reason - that their satisfaction has waned over the years, he said.

"They have the feeling 'I was happy once, but now I'm not happy,'" Karney said. "That is the worst feeling one can have in a marriage."

Actually, most people's marital satisfaction declines over time, even though they think it is improving, Karney said. "On the whole, even the best marriages get a little less happier over the years," he said. "That's probably not surprising considering how happy newlyweds are. The most anyone might hope for is to stay at that level."

In the future, Karney said he hopes to learn more about how important beliefs change despite people's motivation for them to remain the same. "On their wedding day, everyone thinks their partner is wonderful and plans to stay together, and they are highly motivated to keep believing that," he said. "How does the feeling 'I love my spouse' change over time to 'I don't want to be with my spouse anymore'?"

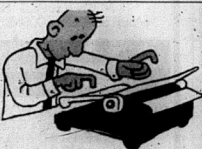
Thomas Bradbury, a psychology professor at UCLA, said Karney's research "yields some startling new findings about how couples think back on the history of their relationship. The comparative processes that Karney is discovering are an important clue to how spouses sustain their relationship, and they will no doubt lead to a revision of prevailing views on how marriages succeed and fail."

## About letters

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## Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 671 complaints, worked 29 crime scenes and gave 13 traffic citations the week of February 9-15. Those arrested included:

**February 9- Clarence Frederick, 33**, violation of an injunction; **Leroy Riggins, 42**, aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon.

**February 10- Antavious Tarver, 19**, battery; **Michael Police, 21**, opposing and obstructing a police officer; **Leonard Butts, 23**, resisting an officer without violence, felony robbery, carrying a con-

cealed weapon and grand theft; **Arlene Lightburn, 24**, aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon.

**February 11- No arrests made.**

**February 12- Jimmy Lee Anderson, 44**, aggravated domestic battery; **Gary Page, 19**, two counts of failure to appear; **Wismick Lemene, 27**, violation of probation.

**February 13- Carlos Alberto Castro, 22**, burglary to a structure, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

**February 14- Jesse Summer-**

**all, 26**, contempt of court; **Hardwick Dennard, 27**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

**February 15- Antonio Fonseca, 23**, carrying a concealed firearm.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

## Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made nine arrests the week of February 9-15. Those arrested included:

**February 9- Angela Bonaparte, 33**, two counts of aggravated assault; **Elliott Boone, 41**, trespassing after warning and resisting arrest with violence.

**February 10- Oscar McAary,**

27, simple battery.

**February 11- No arrests made.**

**February 12- Timothy Bryant, 26**, aggravated battery with a weapon.

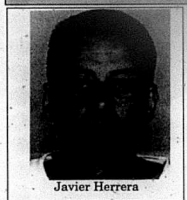
**February 13- Travis Baker, 18**, trespassing, resisting arrest with violence and

escape.

**February 14- John E. Knight, 31**, petty theft.

**February 15- John E. Knight, 31**, trespassing after warning and disorderly conduct; **Christopher Dent, 32**, domestic battery; **Marshall McCullough, 23**, domestic battery

## Crimestoppers



Javier Herrera

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Javier Herrera**, who is wanted for second degree murder.

Herrera is a Hispanic male, 5'9", weighing 165 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and a tattoo on his left arm. His date of birth is July 18, 1968 and his Social Security Number is 262-85-6687. His last known address was 4741

SR 80, Apartment 2, West Palm Beach. His last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of February 10, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of **Herrera**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

## House priorities...continued from Page 4

House," we are now prepared to expand the scope of our reforms and bring common sense to government. Part of this expansion involves looking at the budget process. There are five major components that determine the direction of a state agency: their mission statement, substantive law, funding, proviso language, and agency rules and regulations. Presently, there is no system in place to ensure that these directives agree.

Over the years, many programs in Florida's statutes have been added, modified, or replaced. Like the walls of a frequently redecorated home which have many layers of wallpaper, Florida's statutes contain many different "layers" of public policy. The result is that the mission of our agencies is, unfortunately, diffused and their potential diminished. Often there tends to be a bleeding together of programs across agency boundaries. Duplicated services are provided by several different departments of government.

In order to provide a coherent, unified direction for each agency, the House has been sifting through these many "layers" in a comprehensive review process. This process, has brought to light many inefficiencies and conflicts in the direction of agencies.

One example of a department of government that has been distracted from its primary mission is the public school system. Currently the K-12 has a mission statement that includes "providing the opportunity for all Floridians to attain the knowledge and skills necessary for life long learning." This broad and unfocused goal has opened the door for education to take on a variety of services. As a result, teachers are burdened with the responsibility to serve as social workers, juvenile justice officers, health care providers,

even part-time parents.

Wouldn't it be better to have a mission that was sharply focused on effectively educating kindergarten through twelfth grade students in reading, writing, and arithmetic skills along with the character necessary to ensure a successful transfer of that student to a higher education system or to the work force? With this approach, teachers would be unshackled and freed to fulfill their primary responsibility - teaching.

Then, each and every school could be held accountable for student performance.

Looking at the mission statements of each agency is just the beginning. The Legislature has the responsibility to appropriate tax dollars for all of state government. While our desire is to fund programs that are effective, it is presently difficult to measure and evaluate progress. During the coming months, I will continue the task of aligning agency directives so that we can provide

better accountability, measure progress, and fund priority issues.

Each year, the most important piece of state legislation is the state budget. This year, Senate President Toni Jennings and I have made it our goal to pass out the budget during the first weeks of Session.

This will ensure that the members of the legislature will have adequate time to evaluate the way that tax dollars are appropriated.

It will also affirm our commitment to address the most important issues, first based on the five principles that we use to evaluate all legislation: Eess Government, Lower Taxes, Personal Responsibility, Individual Freedom, and Family Empowerment.

As we look ahead to the 1998 Legislative Session, my goal is to continue improving the process. A better process will produce better legislation, and better legislation will benefit the people of Florida.

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Mr. Krewson said their prices are very affordable and the work is high quality.

For more information, contact Tom or Mary at 996-3517.

## South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made seven arrests the week of February 8-14. They also gave out 63 citations, five written warnings, handled 18 offenses, six incident reports, 58 misc. incidents and three accidents. Those arrested included:

**February 8- Clarence Coney Jr., 23**, failure to comply with a court order; **James Wesley Rowley, III, 23**, aggravated battery, grand theft with a firearm and carrying a concealed firearm.

**February 9- No arrests made.**


**February 10- No arrests made.**

**February 11- Kenneth George Fuller, 41**, disorderly intoxication, obstructing and opposing an officer and resisting without violence.

**February 12- Juvenile, 14**, simple domestic battery.

**February 13- Raymond Vickers, 35**, aggravated battery, Juvenile, 16, contempt of court.

**February 14- Kina Green, 23**, attached tag not assigned, obstruction by disguise and no valid drivers license.




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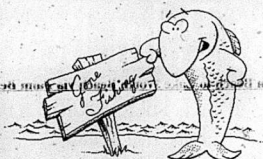
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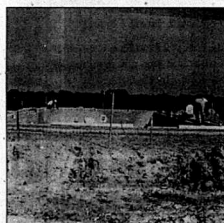
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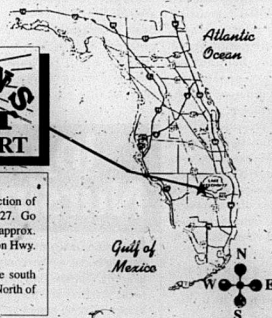
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# Students attend The National Young Leaders Conference



Derek Lamb

Kit and Derek are both Juniors at Glades Day School. Kit Hamilton has a 4.0 average and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is Vice-President of his class and plays on the football and basketball team.

He was a Representative for Palm Beach County Youth Leadership and is active in youth group activities at the First Baptist Church.

Kit is the son of Chris and Ed Hamilton.

Derek Lamb also has maintained a 4.0 average and is President of the Junior class.

Derek is the son of Carol and Larry Lamb.

Both of these students have been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Kit Hamilton and Derek Lamb have been selected to attend The National Young Leaders Conference from March 3 to March 8, in Washington, DC. The National Young Leaders

Conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Kit and Derek will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars attending the conference from across America.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is *The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today*. Throughout the six-day conference, Kit and Derek will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the Floor of the United States House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Scholars will visit prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Scholars will visit foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials. Kit and Derek may also meet with his Senator and Representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing Belle Glade and the nation.

To complement these special meetings and briefings, Kit and Derek will participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities.

In one activity, "If I Were President", students role-play the President, members of the Cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis. The National Young Leaders Conference culminates with the "Model Congress", in which scholars assume the roles of United States Representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation dealing with juvenile justice.

"The Conference provides the opportunity for students, like Kit and Derek, to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said Michael Lasday, Council Executive Director. "Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."



Kit Hamilton

## Palm Beach Community College News

### Dean's List for Fall Term

The following Palm Beach Community College students have been named to the Dean's List for fall term 1997. To be eligible for this honor, full-time students must have earned a grade point average of 3.20 to 3.79. Part-time students who have accumulated 12 or more semester hour credits during combined fall and winter terms with a 3.20 to 3.79 GPA will be placed on the Dean's List at the end of winter term.

The students include: **Belle Glade** - Marie M. Altidor, Edgar Calvin Campbell, Nada Damin Halum, Mathew B. Lowery, Marie Rodrigue Milien, Seren Lavette Mincey, Adrian Karlof Reynolds and Monica J. Schmidt; **Pahokee** - Nelson Lopez, Jr., Vanessa Rocha and Lekecha Chinyetta Wells.

### President's List for Fall Term

The following Palm Beach Community College students have been named to the President's List for fall term 1997. To be eligible for this honor, full-time students must have earned a grade point average of 3.80 or higher. Part-time students who have accumulated 12 or more semester hour credits during combined fall and winter terms with a minimum 3.80 GPA will be placed on the President's List at the end of winter term.

The students include: **Belle Glade** - Jacqueline Alvarez, Michelle Suzanne Alvarez, Denelda Yvonne King, Fida Omar Musallat and Tara Jenne Yurk; **Pahokee** - Felicia Yvette Harrison.

### Fall Term Graduates

Palm Beach Community College awarded degrees to students at fall term commencement exercises held December 19 at the South Florida Fairgrounds Exposition Center.

The graduates include: **Belle Glade** - Joanne Rachel Bunting, Derrick Inaze Howard, Denelda Yvonne King, Mathew Brent Lowery, Theola LaVarne Moore, and Cynthia L. Stewart; **Clewiston** - Brenda Lynn Hughes, Mercedes Perdomo, Yolanda Rouse, April Vonita White, Queenie Annette Williams; **Moore Haven** - Barbara Diaz Mendez and Kathleen Thomas; **Pahokee** - Cheiktha T. Hogan and Nelson Lopez, Jr.



## Bear Tracks from Pioneer Park Elementary

Pioneer Park Elementary is very proud of our Safety Patrol, Mackosh Sparkman, for being selected to participate in the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery.

The Safety Patrols going to

Washington, D.C. all asked to submit an essay on why they would like to participate in this special ceremony. Two essays were chosen for each trip, involving about one thousand students, therefore, it is quite an honor to be selected.

## Alvarez recognized for academic excellence



Jessica Alvarez

South Florida Community College recognizes those students who have pursued and achieved academic excellence during their course of study at the College. Students qualify for the Vice President's List with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.79.

Local student Jessica Alvarez of Belle Glade was named to the Vice President's List for the 1997 Fall Term.

## 1998 Special Olympics County Spring Games

Palm Beach County Special Olympics will hold the 1998 County Spring Games on Saturday, February 28 at Santaluces Community High School, located at 6880 Lawrence Road in Lantana. The games will consist of a variety of sporting events including track and field, volleyball, soccer, tennis, cycling and computer games.

Palm Beach County Special Olympics offers year-round sports training and competition to over 300 athletes with developmental disabilities. If you are interested in helping out at the games, please contact the Palm Beach County Special Olympics office.

For more information, please call Rich Fleming, County Coordinator or Cindy Pijanowski, Sports Director at (561) 964-4922.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### RE: PALM TRAN ROUTE AND SCHEDULE CHANGES PROPOSED FOR MAY 1998

Notice is hereby given that the Palm Beach County Surface Transportation Division (Palm Tran) proposes to implement route and schedule changes to its fixed route bus system beginning in May 1998. Staff is also recommending modification of the monthly pass program by eliminating monthly passes and establishing 12, 25 and 60 ride coupon books. Coupon books for full fare passengers will be sold for \$10, \$20, and \$40 respectively. Half fare books will be available for seniors, disabled and students. Patrons using one of the new coupons are eligible for one free transfer for each coupon. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the proposed route changes and pass program changes. The Public Hearing will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 1998  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Jane Thompson Memorial Chambers  
 6th Floor, Palm Beach County Governmental Center  
 301 North Olive Avenue  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

### THE PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN FIXED ROUTE BUS SERVICE INCLUDE:

- Route 3**  
 Route Change(s) Gardens Mall to Town Center Mall via Military  
 Schedule Change(s) Hood Road portion of route in Palm Beach Gardens is eliminated. Hourly service frequency replaces thirty minute frequency south of Delray Square.
- Route 4**  
 Route Change(s) VA Hospital to Nassau Square via Haverhill, Jog and Lake Worth Road  
 1) Provide services to Kirk Road (connection to Route 2) via Summit and Gun Club in lieu of Gun Club only.
- Route 32**  
 VA Hospital to Downtown WPB via Palm Beach Mall  
 Service to VA Hospital from 45th Street is via Congress and Blue Heron in lieu of 45th and Military. Service to Ivey Green on all Southbound trips.
- Route 40**  
 Route Change(s) West Palm Beach to Belle Glade via Okeechobee and State Road 80  
 Elimination of service on Seminole-Pratt, rerouted to the Glades via Okeechobee to State Road 7 to Forest Hill, to Southern Boulevard (State Road 80).  
 Lake Point Center service eliminated and replaced by Route 43.
- Route 42**  
 Route Change(s) Downtown West Palm Beach to Lake Worth via Palm Beach  
 Schedule Change(s) None.  
 Sunday service eliminated.
- Route 43**  
 Route Change(s) Downtown West Palm Beach to Western Plaza  
 Eliminated western end of line, route now terminates at Western Plaza. Eliminates current service to Wellington. Rerouted off of Okeechobee via Drexel Road, Belvedere and Jog to serve Lake Point Center previously served by Route 40.
- Route 45**  
 Route Change(s) Royal Palm Beach to Wellington  
 Schedule Change(s) Eliminated midday service on weekdays. Route will have peak hour service only on weekdays. No late evening service. Saturday service hours reduced to 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday service eliminated.
- Route 60**  
 Route Change(s) Wellington to Downtown Lake Worth  
 Schedule Change(s) Western end of the line eliminated service now terminates at Riverbridge. Sunday service eliminated.
- Route 72**  
 Route Change(s) Boynton Beach to Bethesda Health City via Boynton Beach Blvd.  
 Schedule Change(s) None.  
 Service between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Sunday service not changed.
- Route 82**  
 Route Change(s) West Delray to Town Center Mall via Jog Road  
 Entire route eliminated.
- Route 90**  
 Route Change(s) FAU to Century Village via Federal and Yamato  
 Route combined with Route 94 east-west Boca distributor. Service deleted on Yamato west of Military Trail.
- Route 93**  
 Route Change(s) Congress Park & Ride to Boca Raton Resort & Club  
 Entire route eliminated.
- Route 94**  
 Route Change(s) East/West Boca Raton Distributor  
 Schedule Change(s) Route is combined with Route 90. The eastern edge of the route is changed to serve Yamato to Federal, Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton Boulevard, 20th St. and FAU. Connection Route 1 between Yamato and Spanish River.  
 Route replaces eastern portion of from Route 90. Schedule now includes Saturday service and no Sunday Service. Service every thirty minutes during peak on weekdays and hourly service on Saturdays.

\*Peak hours are approximately 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In addition to the above changes, other minor schedule adjustments may be made to accommodate changing traffic conditions and current passenger loads. At the hearing, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will afford the opportunity for interested parties or agencies to be heard with respect to the proposed bus system changes. Interested persons may submit orally, or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect to the proposed changes. A more detailed description of the proposed changes will be available for public inspection at the Palm Beach County Transportation Agency (Palm Tran) offices, located at Building S-1440, P.B.I.A., West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.

## Reidel Anthony named Professional Athlete of the Year

Taylor Northrup of Jupiter has been named the High School Athlete of the Year for 1997, a new award created by the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame.

He will be among the guests at the 22nd annual awards dinner March 15 at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott.

Other annual award winners who will be honored are Reidel Anthony, Belle Glade, Professional Athlete of the Year; Robin Weiss, Palm Beach Amateur Athlete of the Year; and Jerome Groover, West Palm Beach, Coach of the Year.

Anthony, formerly of Glades

Central High School and the University of Florida, was named to two all-rookie teams after his first season with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. A wide receiver, he had 35 catches for 448 yards and four touchdowns during the regular season. In two playoff games, he caught four passes for 114 yards.

The dinner is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., following a reception at 5:30. For banquet tickets and information, contact any member of the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame committee, or call Joe Ceravolo, 561-478-8837, or Larry Bush, 561-686-9287.

## Hot Rod Magazine's power festival is Bigger-Badder-Better

America's number one automotive performance monthly publication, *Hot Rod Magazine*, once again brings the World's Fastest Street Car Drag Racing Series to Moroso Motorsports Park. This 1/4 mile drag racing event is sanctioned by the NMCA and has a weekend purse prize of over \$30,000. This Festival of Power features classes of Drag Racing from Nostalgia Super Stock to Pro Street, a Car Show, Manufacturers' Marketplace and Swap Meet that will keep the eyes and

ears of everyone stimulated for two days of fun.

The festival will be Saturday and Sunday, February 21st and 22nd at Moroso Motorsports Park, located on Beeline Highway (SR 710). From the south take I-95 to PGA Blvd. (Exit 57B) or FL Turnpike (Exit 109) west to SR 710 and turn right, go 8.2 miles. Track is on the right-hand side. From the north take I-95 to SR 706 (Exit 59B) west to SR 710 turn left, go 3 miles. Track is on the left-hand side.

### Schedule

**Friday, Feb. 20th**  
Exhibitor Set Up  
Vehicle Registration and Tech

**Saturday, Feb. 21st**  
Gates Open  
Racing Time Trials  
Qualifying-Street Classes  
Jets Run  
Time Trials-Pro & Super Pro

**Sunday, Feb. 22nd**  
Gates Open  
Car Show Registration  
Time Trials  
Car Show Cruise  
Opening Ceremonies  
Street Class Eliminations  
Jets Run

For more information call (561) 622-1400.



Patricia Harvey was the winner of Steve Moore Chevrolet's drawing of Dale Earnhardt's miniature race car. Patricia gave the race car to her son Elvis Harvey, Jr. (pictured above) who is one year old.

## Dale Earnhardt's Winning Daytona 500 Car now on display at DAYTONA USA

After many tries, Dale Earnhardt captured one of the most exciting Daytona 500s ever in the 40th edition of the "Great American Race." To complete the experience, Earnhardt will join fans inside DAYTONA USA, the Speedway's award-winning "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction" for a special appearance with his winning car.

Earnhardt's No. 3 GM Goodwrench Chevrolet will be on display in *Gatorade Victory Lane* within the attraction, where it will remain for fans to visit until the day just prior to the 1999 Daytona 500. The car will replace Jeff Gordon's No. 24 DuPont Refinishes Chevrolet, which won the 1997 Daytona 500.

*Gatorade Victory Lane* is a replica of the Speedway's famous gathering place for winners. It will feature Earnhardt's battle-scarred car-complete with dents and road grime acquired from 500 miles of hard racing - along with his racing goggles, helmet and steering wheel. With Victory Lane signage as a backdrop, Earnhardt's car will sit atop a bright, black-and-white checkered flag floor and provide unique photo opportunities to fans for the next year.

DAYTONA USA guests enter *Gatorade Victory Lane* after watching "The Daytona 500," the attractions premier show. This ThunderRound-Sound presenta-

tion offers a 15-minute video pre-show that visitors watch from replicas of the Speedway's grandstand entry ramps.

Once guests enter the 268-seat Pepsi Theater, they "become immersed in the Daytona 500 through a 14-minute feature film, shot on 70 mm and projected onto a 55x24 foot screen. The effect-which includes key appearances by top NASCAR Winston Cup Series drivers including Earnhardt himself - leaves fans feeling as if they've experienced the "Great American Race" right from the driver's seat.

## Florida-Big Bass Capital of the world

By Herb Allen

Florida is on the fast track to regain its title as "Big Bass Capital of the World."

Prior to...and following World War II...anglers visited the Sunshine State in droves to catch trophy-sized largemouth bass.

From the 1920's through the late-1970's, Florida as "The Place" to connect with wallhangers weighing anywhere from eight to 14 pounds.

Because of expeditious human encroachment and an angler habit of keeping trophy fish, coupled with increasing environmental and ecological woes, the average size of big bass caught statewide declined, even though the overall number of fish being caught may have remained relatively stable.

Probably nothing chronicles the recent decline, fall, and recurrence of sizeable fish more than the "On The Bass Beat" column which appears monthly in *Florida Sportsman Magazine*.

Although this column began in 1984, it wasn't until the August, 1987, issue that a "Tournament Results" section was inaugurated in which bass clubs, ranging from small to large, forwarded their monthly standing to the publication.

About two-thirds of these monthly reports include a "Big Bass" category, in addition to who won first, second and third place. etc.

From August, 1987, through July, 1997 (10 years exactly), "On The Bass Beat" reported on an estimated 3,000 tournaments, of which 1,948 recorded "big bass" catches.

During the last five months of 1987, the big bass average for 53 tournaments was 5.37 pounds. This median rose slightly the following year to 5.88 pounds in 140 events, followed by 5.85 pounds (186 tournaments) in 1989, and 5.42 pounds in 1990 for 194 episodes.

Several fisheries biologists, who also had been monitoring catches, became alarmed when in 1991, the average size of big bass fell statewide.

Bass Beat recorded a dip to 4.59 pounds in 188 tournaments that year.

Some significant management changes were adopted by Florida's Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) in 1992 when the average fell to what is probably an all-time low of

## University of Miami Baseball

# U Hurricanes

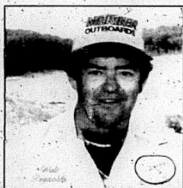
### MARCH SCHEDULE

March 1	UM vs. Univ. of Texas	1:00 p.m.
March 6,7,8	BellSouth/Hurricane Diamond Classic	
March 6	Furman vs. Illinois	1:00 p.m.
	Furman vs. FIU	4:30 p.m.
	UM vs. Illinois	8:00 p.m.
March 7	UM vs. Furman	1:00 p.m.
	Illinois vs. FIU	4:30 p.m.
	FIU vs. UM	8:00 p.m.
March 8	Consolation Game	10:00 a.m.
	Championship Game	1:30 p.m.
March 13	UM vs. Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
March 14	UM vs. Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
March 15	UM vs. Rutgers	1:00 p.m.
March 17	UM vs. Vermont	7:00 p.m.
March 18	UM vs. Iowa	7:00 p.m.
March 20	UM vs. No. Carolina	7:00 p.m.
March 21	UM vs. No. Carolina	7:00 p.m.
March 22	UM vs. No. Carolina	1:00 p.m.
March 25	UM vs. Drexel	7:00 p.m.
	at Homestead Sports Complex	
	Tickets through ticketmaster	
March 27	UM vs. Harvard	7:00 p.m.
March 28	UM vs. Harvard	7:00 p.m.
March 29	UM vs. Harvard	1:00 p.m.

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## FISHING WITH WALT REYNOLDS



Walt Reynolds

With the warming trend this last few days and the full moon upon us, the fishing picked up real well the latter part of the week. Many fish were on the beds this week

and there were many large fish taken. We had some of the best fishing this week that we have had in quite a while overall.

Fishing Bay was a hot spot as well as Bay Bottom came on the last part of the week. A 10" June Bug worm along with a spinnerbait on the windy days were the hot lures. The secret to catching the bigger fish was to stay out from the burhush line and look for the open holes in the grass on your fish locator. When you find the holes slow down your presentation and fish with a real light weight (1/8 oz.).

The crappie came on strong this week also. Tin House Cove

and Indian Prairie seemed to be the best areas. Minnows and small jigs were both working well. Look for matted grass around the reeds.

I posted a series of pictures from the trip with Bobby Bare, Jimmy Dickens, and Jerry Reed on the Web this week. If you would like to see some really nice fish they caught go to

<http://wrffishin.mrk.net/annl-trip.html> I hope the website stays moderate and lets the crowds get out on the lake and enjoy some of the best fishing we will have this year.

To all a good bite... Walt Reynolds  
B.A.S.S. Touring Pro

## Elks Hoop-Shoot Competition

Lexon Curtis of Pahokee Elks Lodge 163 will compete in the State of Florida Competition. She won the girls South Regional Free-throw competition January 31st, making 19 out of 25 free-throws in the 12-13 age group. She will represent Pahokee at the South District State Competition during the weekend of Feb. 20-21.

The Elks Hoop-Shoot National Free-Throw Competition is the largest and most visible of youth activities sponsored by the Elks Lodge throughout the country.

Over 3,000,000 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 will participate this year.

Other winners were Levan Wilson, Shaquanna Durhan, Alphonse Smith and Joe Thomas.

Congratulations!!!

## El Nino Continued .....

Because the El Nino is such a crutch for some weather forecasters, I decided a few months ago to resist writing about the phenomenon. I told myself to wait. Time would tell if this El Nino would become, as expert called it, the climatic event of the century.

Those experts told us that this El Nino would mean a wet winter in Florida. Three months into our dry season, it would seem they were right.

While November was just slightly wetter than normal, December, and especially January, were very wet. Twice the average amount of rain was recorded in December, while January went down in the record books as the wettest January ever.

- Can all of the rain be attributed to the El Nino? Of course not. After

all, this is Florida - a place that has certainly seen its share of heavy rain.

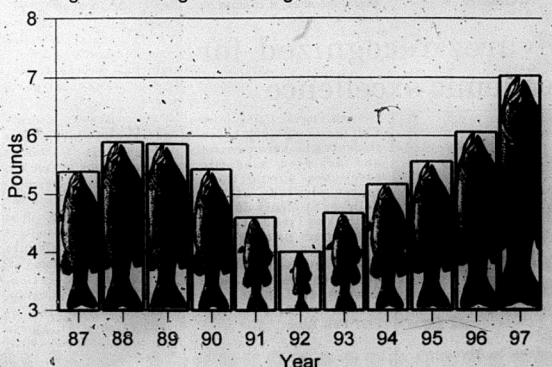
Still, the El Nino gets part of the credit for our wet winter. You can't blame every rain drop on the El Nino, but it is obvious to veteran weather watchers that the phenomenon did steer more storms our way.

By the way, the people who keep track of the El Nino report it is now shrinking. Still, they think it will continue to dominate world climate patterns until the middle of the year.

Perhaps by then, we'll know for sure if the El Nino was the climatic event of the century or just a convenient excuse for some unusual weather.

(Mike Lyons weather forecasts are seen nightly on WPBF-TV)

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of board of supervisors of the South Shore Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 27505, Section 4, Laws of Florida, Act of 1987, The Annual Meeting of the landowners of the South Shore Drainage District for the year 1998, will be held in the office of the South Florida Conservancy District, a public place, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Tuesday March 10, 1998 at 10:30 A.M., for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect to the same as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
LAWRENCE E. WORTH  
PRESIDENT

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20477, Laws of Florida, Act of 1984, a meeting of the owners of lands within South Florida Conservancy District, will be held Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 1:30 P.M., at the office of said District in the City of Belle Glade, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, for the purpose of electing one Supervisor for three (3) years, or until his successor shall be elected or appointed and shall have qualified, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before said meeting.

SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
By: W. Fritz Stein, Jr.  
Chairman

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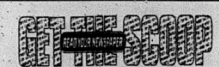
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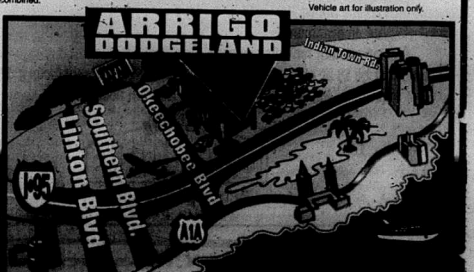
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